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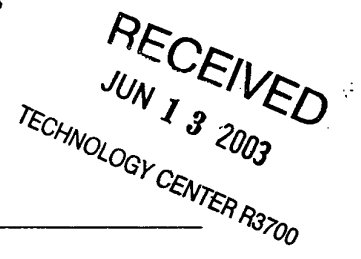
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In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

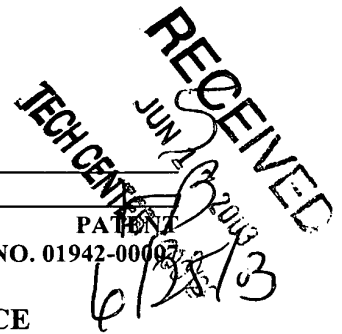
1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement,
2. Form PTO-1499,
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Respectfully submitted,

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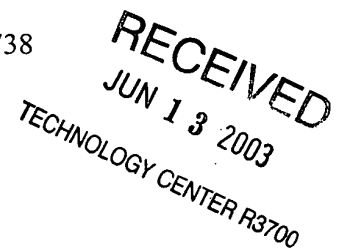
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit the enclosed PTO Form 1449. Copies of these references are enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is due.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103.

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